

REMARKS

Claims 34, 36, 38-40, 42-47, 52, 55, 59-68, 70-72, 74, 75, 77, 79-82, 88-93, and 119 are pending and at issue in the present application. By this Amendment, applicants amend claims 34, 40, 59, 66, 88, and 119 to clarify the invention. Support for the claim amendments can be found in the originally filed specification and drawings at, for example, Figures 2A and 2B. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by any of the claim amendments.

As a preliminary matter, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") mailed on October 8, 2002, and provide applicants with a copy of the Form PTO-1449 suitably initialed in the next action. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the October 8 IDS and accompanying Form PTO-1449, as well as the return receipt postcard showing receipt of the IDS and Form PTO-1449 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 15, 2002, are enclosed with this Amendment. The Examiner's attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Claims 34, 36, 38-40, 42-47, 52, 55, 59-68, 70-72, 74, 75, 77, 79-82, 88-93, and 119 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Morita et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,290,343 ("Morita et al."). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims and request reconsideration and withdrawal.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

The rejection of claims 34, 36, 38-40, 42-47, 52, 55, 59-68, 70-72, 74, 75, 77, 79-82, 88-93, and 119 as obvious over Morita et al. should be withdrawn because Morita et al. fails to disclose or suggest an air conditioner system that includes, among other things, an upstanding, vertically elongated housing, as recited by each of the pending claims. The housing of Morita et al. is horizontally elongated, (Morita et al., FIGs. 3-5), not upstanding and vertically elongated as recited by the pending claims. Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicants' invention would not be motivated to modify Morita et al. to arrive at the claimed subject matter because there is no motivation or suggestion in Morita et al. to make such a modification.

Because Morita et al. fails to disclose or suggest each and every limitation of claims 34, 36, 38-40, 42-47, 52, 55, 59-68, 70-72, 74, 75, 77, 79-82, 88-93, and 119, these claims are not obvious over Morita et al. and are, therefore, considered to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the Amendment or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Applicants believe that no fee is required by this Amendment. The Director, however, is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1818 under Order No.. 112440-729.

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